

Austria, Kuwait plan peace effort

KUWAIT (R) — Austrian Foreign Minister Erwin Lanc was quoted as saying Wednesday his country planned to launch a joint Middle East peace initiative with Kuwait. Mr. Lanc, who ended a five-nation tour of Gulf Arab states earlier this week, told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas that his country "intends, with Kuwait, to offer a new initiative to solve the Middle East crisis." He did not reveal the contents of the new bid but said he believed next autumn to be a suitable time to announce it. He did not elaborate. Mr. Lanc has visited Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait on his recent tour. Austria, which has kept close ties with Arab states for more than a decade, has in the past attempted to mediate in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Arab team meets Martens today

BRUSSELS (AP) — The foreign ministers of Jordan and North Yemen are due to meet here with Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens Thursday to discuss the war between Iran and Iraq, a government spokesman said Wednesday. He said the Brussels visit by the two Arab League representatives — Taher Al Masri and Al Asbahi, will be their first in a series of discussions about the war with officials in several European capitals.

Envoy presents credentials to Poland

WARSAW (Petra) — Jordanian Ambassador to the Soviet Union Faleh Al Tawil Tuesday presented his credentials to the Polish head of state, Wojciech Jaruzelski, as the non-resident Jordanian ambassador to Poland. The Polish leader asked Mr. Tawil to convey his greetings to His Majesty King Hussein and his best wishes for the government and people of Jordan of further progress and prosperity.

Saudis to represent Libya in U.K.

LONDON (R) — Saudi Arabia will look after Libya's interests in Britain after the expulsion of Libyan diplomats from London, the British government said Wednesday. The announcement came from Home Secretary Leon Brittan, who also confirmed that Italy would act for Britain in Tripoli following the break in diplomatic relations with Libya.

Genscher delays Tripoli visit

BONN (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will not go ahead with a planned trip to Libya because of the crisis over last week's shooting outside Libya's mission in Britain, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Wednesday. Karl Paschke told a news conference that Mr. Genscher still intended to visit Tripoli, but Bonn would first have to take into account the political context of an eventual trip.

Saudi leader ends Pakistan visit

KARACHI (R) — Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia left Wednesday for Riyadh at the end of a four-day official visit to Pakistan, where he held talks with President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq. He was seen off at the airport by General Zia, who had earlier accompanied him on trips to Peshawar and Lahore.

Quake shakes north California

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — Sky-scrapers in San Francisco swayed, windows popped from their frames and several homes were knocked off their foundations when a strong earthquake rumbled through northern California Tuesday. But only about a dozen minor injuries were reported after the quake, measuring 6.2 on the open-ended Richter scale, shook a large area for up to a minute just after midday.

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Hussein, Fahd urge Arab efforts to strengthen unity

RIYADH (J.T.) — Their Majesties King Hussein and King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Wednesday stressed the need for stepped up efforts to end Arab divisions and build up a strong, unified Arab Nation to overcome all challenges and problems facing it.

Their call came during lengthy meetings Tuesday night and early Wednesday in Riyadh. King Hussein called on Arab states to shoulder their national responsibilities and confront the dangers threatening them, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

The talks also covered the Iran-Iraq war, and the two leaders called for an end to the conflict and the building of balanced relations between the two Muslim neighbours, Petra said.

They also discussed the situation in Lebanon and both stressed that a unified Arab stand will ensure the creation of a better opportunity for saving Lebanon, which should come about first with a total withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and by supporting the unity and territorial integrity of Lebanon, Petra said.

Gemayel, Karami discuss new cabinet

BEIRUT (R) — President Amin Gemayel had two hours of talks Wednesday with Rashid Karami, the man most widely tipped to become Lebanon's next prime minister at the head of a national unity government.

Speculation mounted in the capital that Mr. Gemayel would soon name a prime minister who would be charged with carrying out a programme of national reconciliation and ensuring an end to Lebanon's civil war.

Mr. Karami, 62, who has been prime minister nine times before, refused to tell reporters after the meeting whether he had been chosen or when the choice would be made.

Beirut Radio quoted informed sources as saying they thought he would be appointed by Thursday morning, and sources at the presidential palace told Reuters they expected the choice to be made within 48 hours.

Mr. Karami was one of the Syrian-backed opposition from that fought Mr. Gemayel's policy of relying on the United States to solve the Lebanese crisis. Since the failure of U.S. policy here in February, Mr. Gemayel has turned to Syria for mediation and has held intensive consultations on forming a new government.

Asked if he would meet Mr. Gemayel again, Mr. Karami said: "The consultations are continuing and since I am a member of parliament I might visit the president."

Palace sources said Mr. Gemayel was expected to meet the Shiite Muslim speaker of parliament, Kamel Al Assad, later Wednesday.

Beirut was mostly quiet Wednesday, though police said there were limited clashes in the city's southern suburbs.

PLO reveals Soviet role in factional reconciliation

TUNIS (R) — Soviet mediation has played a key role in attempts to reconcile the three major factions in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), a senior PLO official said Wednesday.

Hani Al Hassan, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told Reuters that a meeting next month of the three groups was likely to be decisive in resolving the split between Mr. Arafat's supporters and Damascus-based dissidents.

He said deputy leaders of the three factions, who met in Algiers last week, were due to hold a second meeting there on May 9 to set a date for long-delayed session of the PLO parliament in exile, the Palestine National Council (PNC), and to draw up draft resolutions.

The three groups are Mr. Arafat's dominant Fatah organisation, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

Mr. Hassan said a recent visit to Damascus by Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Geidar Aliev had cleared the ground for the Algiers reconciliation meetings.

"Since the Aliev visit, the PFLP and DFLP are protected by the Soviets. Before, they did not feel strong enough to come to meet us (Fatah)," Mr. Hassan said.

The PFLP and DFLP, both based in Damascus, stayed neutral during last year's Syrian-backed revolt against Mr. Arafat, but broke off relations with him after his December reconciliation with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Mr. Hassan said the two groups had dropped their challenge to Mr. Arafat's leadership of the PLO over the Egyptian visit.

and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. Also attending was King Hussein's son His Highness Prince Abdullah.

On the Saudi side the talks were attended by Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, second deputy prime minister and minister of defence and civil aviation, Prince Saud Al Faisal, minister of foreign affairs, and Sheikh Ibrahim Al Sultan, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Jordan.

King Hussein and the accompanying delegation returned home later Wednesday.

King Hussein and the delegation were seen off at King Khalid International Airport by King Fahd, members of the Saudi Royal family, high-ranking Saudi civil and military officials, the Saudi ambassador to Jordan and the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Jeddah.

Upon departure from Riyadh, King Hussein sent a cable to King Fahd thanking him for the welcome and co-operation extended by the Saudi leader during his visit.

"I am pleased, while leaving the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to send

my best regard and greeting and my high appreciation to the friendly welcome you accorded us and to the sincere feelings which you and Your Highnesses the (Saudi) princes showed us," the cable said.

"Thank you for the constructive co-operation Your Majesty and Your Highnesses (the princes) have demonstrated which resulted in making our talks constructive and positive," the cable added.

The talks, King Hussein's cable said, were a "good opportunity for us to jointly evaluate the dangers and challenges imposed on our Arab Nation, and to draw up our future perception as regards reformulating a unified Arab stand capable of serving the supreme interests of the Arab Nation and consolidating its ability to by-pass the difficulties and crises it is facing."

"May God help us all to serve our Arab and Islamic nations," The King and the accompanying delegation were received upon arrival in Amman by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and high-ranking officials.

Junblatt says he is ready to join new government

PARIS (R) — Lebanese opposition leader Walid Junblatt said Wednesday he was ready to serve in a government of national unity and to work with President Amin Gemayel to help restore peace in his country.

Mr. Junblatt, leader of Lebanon's mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), was speaking in a French Television interview shortly after talks in Paris with External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson. He was due to meet President Francois Mitterrand later Wednesday.

The PSP leader met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad recently to discuss efforts to form a Lebanese government expected to include representatives of the country's warring factions.

Opposition sources in Beirut have said Syria, which has been playing a key role in mediating in the conflict, favoured Mr. Junblatt's participation in a 26-man cabinet, but that Mr. Junblatt would prefer to have a representative rather than serve himself.

Asked Wednesday if he was prepared to serve in such a government, he said: "If it was a condition for achieving peace or a truce, yes."

Mr. Junblatt repeated criticism of President Gemayel but said he would be willing to work with him in the national interest.

"Unfortunately I have had to abandon my vow to overthrow Amin Gemayel," he said. "For me he is still responsible for crimes against the Lebanese people and one of these days he will be judged for them."

But asked if he was prepared to work with Mr. Gemayel, he said: "If it is to save civilian lives, then I am ready."

Iraq, Soviet Union rap U.S. Mideast policies

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Iraq today said the Soviet Union in condemning U.S. policies in the Middle East and the Gulf Wednesday during talks in the Kremlin had undermined a revival of close relations between the two countries.

Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov both declared that Washington's "adventurist policy" in the Middle East was the source of continuing tension there. TASS news agency reported.

Mr. Ramadan's visit is seen as marking a resumption of warm political relations between Baghdad and Moscow after a long period of strain.

The statement said "the two sides also denounced U.S. attempts to intervene in events in the Gulf under all kinds of pretexts, in particular the pretext of ensuring freedom of navigation, and to impose an imperialist diktat on coastal states."

TASS said Mr. Ramadan and Mr. Tikhonov had expressed satisfaction with the present state of bilateral relations, and both countries wanted to expand ties further, particularly trade and political contacts.

Mr. Tikhonov called for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and a settlement of all differences by political means.

He quoted Mr. Ramadan as praising Soviet foreign policy and Moscow's support for the struggle of the Arab people against the encroachments of the U.S. and Israel on their freedom and independence.

Arab diplomats said they expected Mr. Ramadan to discuss further economic co-operation following an agreement last month under which Moscow pledged to develop an oilfield and build two major nuclear power stations in Iraq.



Their Majesties King Hussein and King Fahd hold talks early Wednesday in Riyadh (Petra photo)

Hassan praises Pope's stand towards Jerusalem Regent calls for Islamic reply to problems facing Arab Nation

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday warned Arab countries that their enemies are seeking to divide them and to set one state against another in a bid to destroy their economic resources and sap their manpower capabilities and obliterate their identity.

Addressing the opening session of the third annual meeting of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Bayt Foundation) Prince Hassan said that the Arab Nation is at present plagued by divisions and differences of opinion, and inter-Arab relations are marked by discord, and as a result the nation has become the target of all evil action and aggression by its enemies.

Prince Hassan, who deputised for His Majesty King Hussein in opening the conference at the Royal Cultural Centre, called for concerted efforts by Arab scholars, who he said, can shape an Islamic reply to the contemporary challenges and find solutions to the problems facing the Arab world.

Prince Hassan said that scholars can achieve these goals by helping to establish universities and educational institutions which follow a sound course of learning.

"This meeting is being held at a time when the Islamic Nation is celebrating Al Isra' Wal Miraj feast and therefore we ought to remember the atrocities which the Israelis are committing in the Holy City (Jerusalem) and their violation of human rights and encroachments of holy shrines, as well as Israel's drive to change the demographic and cultural characters of the Holy City," Prince Hassan said.

He said: "The Islamic Nation watches the United Nations and its specialised agencies turned impotent and unable to take an effective measure to stop aggression, and we watch major world powers driven by their own interests condoning actions by the aggressors and indeed some are helping the aggressors to expand in Arab land and to establish settlements."

"At the same time as we see the Arabs plagued by divisions and differences, we have hope that the leaders of the nation will unify their efforts and join their ranks to confront the common enemy and defend the Arab land, Arab identity and religion."

"I seize this opportunity on this occasion to pay tribute to His Holiness Pope John Paul II for his stand with regard to the Holy City. In his Easter message last week, the Pope referred to the special holiness of Jerusalem."

He said: "The Pope's stand and the special political and administrative situation in the city. He stressed the city's holiness for monotheistic religions and called for a just and durable settlement of the Palestine issue and for safeguarding the rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland. This statement has aroused the anger of the aggressors and occupiers of Palestine and the Pope has become the target of criticism and denunciation."

Also addressing the conference was Al al Bayt President Nasseruddin Al Assad who outlined the achievements of the foundation and its future programmes and aspirations. The

foundation has built close co-operation with seven universities and other world, regional and Islamic organisations. Dr. Assad said.

He said that the foundation will embark on the implementation of its second research project soon and is in the process of recruiting Islamic scholars to carry it out.

Taking part in the five-day conference are 130 scholars and Muslim intellectuals from 32 countries. The sessions are being held at the Regency Palace Hotel in Amman.

In an interview with Radio Jordan later Wednesday, Prince Hassan said the third annual meeting of the foundation is a continuation of the study about "intercultural activities which include financial management in Islam, dialogue between Islam and the monotheistic religions which we consider to be essential to the universal view of the Al al Bayt Institute."

"We are very happy to have with us prominent Christian leaders at this important activity," he said. "I am also happy to take this opportunity to express our deep thanks to His Holiness the Pope for his timely reference to the plight of Jerusalem."

The presence of 86 delegates from various Muslim countries and prominent Islamic scholars at the meeting is an encouraging sign, the Crown Prince said.

"We hope that this activity, which is after all not a Jordanian activity, but a universal Muslim activity, devoted to civilisation and civilisation studies, can continue to gain strength from their highly appreciated contributions that have started in making themselves felt in many ways," he said.

Britain to oust Libyans 'if they ignore deadline'

LONDON (Agencies) — Britain said Wednesday that Libyans besieged in their London embassy will be forced out if they do not meet an expulsion deadline at midnight on Sunday.

"They are free to leave at any time before then... but we will not permit them to remain beyond Sunday night," Home Secretary Leon Brittan told parliament.

A three-man team sent by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi met British officials Wednesday to plan the evacuation following Britain's decision on Sunday to break diplomatic relations.

Between 20 and 30 Libyan diplomats and students have been besieged in the building by armed police since April 17 when a burst of gunfire from the embassy killed a London policewoman and wounded 10 anti-Qadhafi protesters.

Mr. Brittan said in his first statement to parliament on the affair that Britain was considering seeking changes in the Vienna Convention which, by granting immunity to diplomats and embassies, has prevented the capture of the unknown killer.

Mr. Brittan also announced a virtual ban on Libyans entering Britain, saying they would be admitted in coming months "only in the most exceptional circumstances."

But the Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said: "It is expected that such moves could soon be made."

The Associated Press adds: Eyewitnesses saw a gunman inside the Libyan embassy firing at Libyan dissidents demonstrating outside and saw "smoke and flames coming from the barrel of the gun," the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch said Wednesday.

Iraqi pilots 'ready to fight Israelis'

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said Wednesday his pilots are "prepared for a duel against the Israeli air force if the Israelis hunted one." President Hussein made the remark while addressing Iraqi Air Force Commander Marshal Hamid Shaaban Khozayer and a group of air force officers whom he decorated with the "Bravery Medal" for distinguished action against Iran. President Hussein's remark followed accusations by the Iraqi foreign minister that Israel was preparing for an attack against undisclosed "industrial and scientific" targets in Iraq. Israel has denied the charge. The Iraqi air force, is "capable of fighting the Israeli air force as it is capable of fighting the Iranian air force," President Hussein said. The Iraqi leader said "there is no difference between the Zionist enemy (Israel) and the Iranian enemy... the Zionists and the Iranians were trained by the Americans in the same schools on the same planes."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cement company makes a loss

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Cement Factories Company (JCFC) has sustained losses estimated at JD 6 million over the past two years mainly due to a drop in world prices, according to JCFC Director Mahmoud Mardi. He said in an interview with Al-Dustour newspaper that the prices are improving at present and the company hopes to realise profits in the coming year. The company has made plans to market 625,000 tonnes of cement this year while last year the company sold 365,000 tonnes of cement, he said.

Defence order limits gas truck loads

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat has issued a defence order saying that gas cylinders must be distributed in small pickup trucks containing no more than 35 cylinders which should not, for safety's sake, be piled on top of each other.

Mrs. Sharaf hosts Arabsat dinner

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Laila Sharaf hosted a lunch at the Hussein Youth City in honour of the delegations taking part to the seventh session of the Arabsat general assembly. Attending the lunch party were the Arab communications ministers, Information Ministry's Under-Secretary Peter Salah, Information department heads, Ministry of Communications' Under-Secretary Mansour Ibn Tarif and senior Telecommunications Corporation officials.

ACC loans total JD 1.4m this year

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) has granted 50 agricultural loans amounting to JD 250,000. It has also decided to allocate funds for live-stock breeders to buy fodder for their animals. The ACC has so far granted loans totalling JD 1.4 million during the first third of this year. The corporation's board has also agreed to reschedule loans to the Farmers Association.

Transport board members leave for talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Two board members of the Jordanian-Syrian Over-Land Transport Company left for Damascus Wednesday to take part in a board meeting due to open Thursday. Adnan Hijazi and Masour Shammout will join their colleagues in discussing matters connected with the development of the company and the 1984 programme plan.

Diplomats given new postings

AMMAN (J.T.) — Pictorialist minister at the foreign ministry Asem Quteishat will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Athens, Greece as of May 15. Counsellor at the foreign ministry Azmi Al Mufti will be transferred to Bucharest, Rumania, from June 1, and Samir Al Fa'ouri, counsellor at the foreign ministry, will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Madrid, Spain as of June 1, while counsellor Adnan Al Zibdeh will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in New Delhi, India commencing July 1. Walid Al Ramahi, first secretary at the foreign ministry, will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Cairo, Egypt as of June 1 and Foreign Ministry First Secretary Mohammad Tawfiq Ahmad will be transferred to Tunis in Tunisia as from June 1. Mr. Samir Masarweh, first secretary at the foreign ministry, will be transferred in Rome, Italy as of Aug. 1. Mr. Nayef Al Oadi, a first secretary, is to be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in London, Britain as of May 15, while First Secretaries at the foreign ministry Ali Maher Al Nashashibi and Ahmad Ali Mubaydin will be transferred to the permanent office in New York, USA and the Jordanian embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia respectively as of May 15. Second Secretary Omer Al Rifai will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in London while Second Secretary Khalil Elayyan will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Athens as of Sept. 1. Third Secretaries at the foreign ministry Mazen Al Tal, Mohammad Nour Bakhar and Ahmad Al Muftic will go to the permanent office in Geneva, Switzerland, the Jordanian embassy in Rome and the Jordanian embassy in Ottawa, Canada respectively commencing Sept. 1. Third Secretary Kleib Al Fawaz will be transferred to the permanent office in New York as of June 1. Qasem Al 'Okour, third secretary at the foreign ministry is transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Bahrain as of Sept. 1 and Saqr Malkawi, also a third secretary, is to be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Brussels, Belgium, as of June 1. Jihad Al Qasem, again a third secretary, will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as of Sept. 1. Attaches Maher Lukashah and Raseem Hashem are transferred to the permanent office in New York and the Jordanian embassy in Brussels respectively as of June 1, while Attache Abdul Ilah Al Khatib will be transferred to the Jordanian embassy in Washington as of Aug. 1.

Faulkner's wit to sparkle at RCC

AMMAN — "Oh Mr. Faulkner. Do you write?" a one-man show based on the life and words of Nobel Prize-winning American novelist William Faulkner, will be presented at the Royal Cultural Centre, Studio Theatre, May 3 at 8 p.m. The play, sparkling with Faulkner's wit, is brought to Amman by the American Centre in co-operation with the Royal Theatre Club. John Maxwell, like Faulkner a native of Mississippi and long-time Faulkner specialist both on the stage and in university, stars in the show he wrote with Tom Dupree. The play is set in Faulkner's study at his home at Rowan Oak in Oxford, Mississippi, and in Stockholm, where Faulkner delivered his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1949. The play will also be performed at Yarmouk University on May 2 and John Maxwell will meet members of the Royal Theatre Club and others interested to theatre at the Royal Cultural Centre on May 4 at 4 p.m. Tickets are JD 2 and available from the American Centre, and the Royal Cultural Centre.



John Maxwell stars as the American Nobel Prize winning author William Faulkner in the play "Oh Mr. Faulkner. Do you write?"

Surgeons association meeting to open today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Surgeons Association will start its general conference at the Professional Association Complex Thursday. A total of 13 working papers will be reviewed by delegates at the two-day conference. According to Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Bilbesi, president of the society, these will deal with various specific surgical issues. Addressing a press conference he said that the society, which was established in 1971, holds annual conferences to discuss the latest developments in the field. All the working papers have been prepared by Jordanian surgeons. Dr. Bilbesi added. The papers, he said, deal with operations on cancer patients, plastic surgery, and the treatment of road accident victims.

Marriott classic road race slated for May 4

AMMAN (J.T.) — Details of the Third Annual Classic Ten-kilometre Road Race were announced Wednesday at a press conference held at the Amman Marriott Hotel. Organised by the Amman Marriott in co-operation with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism and the Jordan Military Sports Council, the race will be held Friday May 4 leaving the Marriott Hotel and following the same route as last year. That is to the Ministry of Interior Circle, downtown, up to Third Circle via the First and Second Circles before returning to the Marriott. Mr. Haile Aguilera, general manager of the Amman Marriott, emphasised that, although the race is competitive, it is essentially a "fun" event open to everybody who wishes to participate. Prizes of trophies and medals will be awarded to the first three male and female winners in addition to special awards for the oldest and youngest participants finishing the circuit. Mr. Aguilera said that the aim of the race is to involve all the community and that no age limit or restriction is being placed on entrants. Major Taha from the Jordan Military Sports Council said that a police car accompanying the runners will relay the placings at certain stages by radio to the hotel so that spectators can be kept informed. The police and armed forces will also act as stewards and timekeepers for the race. His Highness Prince Ra'd, the chief chamberlain, will start the race and fire every contestant in the race, the Marriott Hotel will donate JD 1 to the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped. Plans have been made for 1,000 entries but no limit is to be placed on the registration of participants. Registration for the race is now open at the Amman Marriott for a fee of JD 3.

U.S. information chief arrives on visit

AMMAN (J.T.) — Charles Z. Wick, director of the United States Information Agency (USIA), arrived in Amman Wednesday on an official visit of several days. He was received at the Queen Alia International Airport by Peter Salah, under-secretary of the Ministry of Information, and by U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Richard Viets as well as by several senior Jordanian and U.S. officials.



Charles Z. Wick

During the visit, Mr. Wick will hold talks with Jordanian officials on U.S.-Jordanian relations and co-operation in the fields of culture and international communication as well as in the field of educational youth exchange. Mr. Wick was nominated by President Ronald Reagan as the USIA director on March 6, 1981 and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 8, 1981. He was sworn in by Attorney-General William French Smith the next day. The USIA is an independent organisation within the executive branch responsible for the U.S. government's overseas information and cultural programmes, including the Voice of America and the Fulbright Scholarship programme. The agency also produces a wide range of media products, mounts exhibitions, and administers a worldwide system of American libraries and cultural centres. Mr. Wick had been an independent businessman. He was active in the field of motion pictures, television, radio and musical productions in the United States and abroad. He was also co-chairman of the 1981 presidential inaugural committee. Mr. Wick was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 12, 1917. He has a degree in music from the University of Michigan, a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve), and is a member of the bar in Ohio and California. He is married to the former Mary Jane Woods. They have five children. As President Reagan's personal representative for the international youth exchange initiative, Mr. Wick oversees U.S. involvement in the initiative. The president's programme aims to greatly increase the number of young people of high school age exchanged between the United States and France, Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada and Japan. Among the subjects Mr. Wick will be discussing in Amman is Jordan's future participation in the youth exchange initiative. Mr. Wick has organised two White House meetings for the president's Council for International Youth Exchange, a group of U.S. leaders in business and education who are working to raise private sector funds for the initiative and to publicise it nationwide. In Oct. 1983, Mr. Wick was a delegate to the 22nd session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation general conference in Paris.

Airport hotel to open this summer

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Alia Airport Hotel is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for a soft opening late this summer, according to the Arab Air Services' project manager, Ibrahim Arcl. Speaking in an interview with Alia News, the weekly newsletter of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Mr. Arcl said that construction of the hotel, which is situated at the Queen Alia International Airport (QALA) 30 kilometres south of here, began in February 1982. The use of combined precast concrete elements, which were manufactured locally he said, have saved a great deal of time in the building of the structure. The external structure of the hotel is now completed and it was accomplished with local materials and as many as 300 local labourers at one time, Alia News reported. Arab Air Services put down the design parameters and specifications for the 315-room four-star hotel, which includes a reception area, lounge, coffee shop on an interior court terrace, restaurant, swimming pool and a gallery of shops, as well as its own modern production kitchen and laundry facility. The design and construction contract was awarded to SOS-ETEG (a French firm) and its sub-contractors are now busy with interior finishing and electro-mechanical installations. The equipment, furniture and interior decorations have been imported from France, as part of the French export credit loan arranged for the project. According to Mr. Arcl, the finished product will be "quality-wise the best hotel in Amman". Already, 100 rooms (one of three wings) have been fully-furnished and decorated. The Alia Airport Hotel will be managed by another branch of Alia, Alia Hospitality Services, (AHS), and will enhance the already attractive comforts available at QALA to transit passengers and flight crews. Arab Air Services, established in 1975 as an aviation engineering consulting branch of Alia, has been occupied since 1979 with planning and supervising the construction of Alia facilities at QALA (excluding the cargo terminal), and it planned the transfer of Alia operations from the old to the new airport that was carried out last May. AHS is now also working on the Alia operations building at QALA, and the engine test cell and engine overhaul facility extension at the Alia maintenance hangar, all of which are expected to reach completion in mid-June.

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U.N. development fund to support vocational training

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is to offer Jordan technical assistance worth \$2 million to help it carry out the fourth educational project, in accordance with an agreement signed here Wednesday.

Under the agreement, UNDP will provide Jordan with specialists in drawing up vocational training programmes for the polytechnic college at Tafila and will improve teacher training programmes at the Marka Polytechnic college.

Education conference to continue

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day conference on compulsory education in Jordan, which opened Tuesday, resumed Wednesday at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office.

Five working papers were discussed in this session dealing with: Educational defects; teaching language skills; and educational counselling.

Speaking at Wednesday's session was Hamad Al Farhan, a leading Jordanian educationalist, who delivered a lecture on compulsory education in Jordan in which he said that the increasing demands of a modern civilisation oblige us to adopt such a system. "Basic education is the turning point in making man capable of taking part in innovation to face increasing challenges and that school is one place to prepare people psychologically, scientifically and physically for this," he said.

Technology meeting set

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in a programme on the uses of modern technology in higher educational institutions scheduled to open in the USA Saturday. Taking part in the four-day programme will be representatives from 17 Arab and foreign countries.

grammes at the Marka Polytechnic college.

UNDP will also help Jordan establish four secondary vocational schools for boys and girls and will offer to help improve both educational syllabus and the standard of training staff at community colleges.

Also under the agreement, UNDP will offer technical advice and hold training courses designed

to help establish a data and information centre at the Ministry of Education, and will help in setting up a nursing training institute in Irbid.

It will also help raise the standard of staff employed by the Health Ministry's nursing schools by offering them training courses. For its part, Jordan will contribute in these projects by offering material assistance worth JD 380,000.

The agreement was signed for Jordan by National Planning Council President Omar Abdullah Dakhlan and for UNDP by its resident representative, Mr. Adnan Ranuf.

Work on Baqa'a Camp water plan to start soon

SALT (Petra) — Work on a water network for the Baqa'a Refugee Camp will start soon and is expected to cost JD 400,000, according to Baqqa Governor Mohammad Al Khatib.

He was speaking after a meeting here with Water Authority Director Mohammad Saleh Al Keilani with whom he discussed water issues in general in the Baqqa Governorate.

According to Mr. Khatib, work

on the project, which is to be implemented in stages, will begin after a tender has been awarded to a local company in two weeks' time and the whole project will take a year to complete.

The water network, he said, is estimated to be 70 kilometre in length.

At present, he said, the Water Authority is supplying water in the Baqa'a Camp residents from springs around the camp.

Suf Camp bazaar to help raise money for disabled

AMMAN (J.T.) — The joint Dxfam — United Nations Relief Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) project for the rehabilitation of the disabled will hold an open day and bazaar at the project's premises in Suf-Refugee Camp Thursday, where visitors will be able to see the activities of the project in addition to buying traditional products.

A joint Dxfam — UNRWA day care centre for mentally handicapped children has been operational at the Suf Camp since April 1, 1984 to provide special education, medical care, activities and independence training, pre-

vocational training and a daily meal for 35 retarded children in the camp.

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Recession drives an anti-apartheid magazine into press tycoon's lap

The Khmer Rouge forces were already ringing the capital, hurling rockets to demoralise the near-starving population. The United States kept Phnom Penh alive with airlifted infusions of rice, but the airport, too, was threatened. The stringers working for the Ass-

"He was a good man, my husband," Mrs. Mean Leang told me that evening. She tried to fight back the sobs, but they soon overcome her.

Frequently a black journalist,

British empire and English-speaking whites dominated the economy.

Ever since then its newspapers have espoused National Party thinking. The group's Cape Town

ranting the freedom of the three publications to follow their established editorial line was drawn up when the sale was made, but even Mr. Bailey has expressed doubts that it will stick.

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Eliot has not, therefore, copied Aeschylus, but he has given the


The peace of this world is always uncertain, unless men keep the peace of God.
And war among us defiles this world, but death in the Lord renews it

The chorus in Eliot's own words is one of "those essentials which have tended to be forgotten." He maintains that he wishes "to remind the audience that what they are seeing is a play; and not a photograph". His theatre attempts to achieve greater realism—that is greater illusion, and hence the chorus and poetry are


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Liverpool, Roma to meet in final

Communique acknowledges Moscow's Olympic demands, says TASS

LONDON (R) — The prayers of millions of neutral soccer fans were answered Wednesday afternoon when Italian millionaire club Roma and mighty Liverpool of England battled through to the final of the European Champions' Cup.

The final, which will be staged in Rome's magnificent Olympic stadium on May 30, is the game everyone has wanted to see since the competition began in September and should be one of the most glamorous in the Champions' Cup 29-year history.

Liverpool, cup winners in 1977, 1978 and 1981, overcame the rugged Dinamo Bucharest in rain-lashed Romania 2-1 for a 3-1 aggregate win while Roma, basing in the Italian sunshine, ripped Scotland's Dundee United apart 3-0 to complete a thrilling 3-2 overall victory.

Inevitably, it was Welshman Ian Rush who scored the goals which took Liverpool into the final for the fourth time in eight years. And fittingly, his 11th minute opener was his 100th for the club since joining them for what now looks a bargain price of £300,000 (\$420,000) from fourth division Chester three seasons ago.

Roma, bidding to become the first Italian club to lift Europe's premier trophy since A.C. Milan in 1969, had cancelled out the Scots' 2-0 first-leg lead by the half-time whistle with two goals from striker Roberto 'Bomber' Pruzzo.

Pruzzo, who was left out of the Italian World Cup squad in 1982 despite finishing top scorer in the first division that season, struck in the 23rd and 40th minutes as United wilted under incessant pressure and the afternoon sun.

He continued his one-man destruction of the Scottish defence in the 58th minute when he weaved in on goal in search of his hat-trick

and was bundled to the ground by United goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine.

Midfielder Agostino di Bartolomei netted the resultant penalty with consummate ease and Roma were through to their first European final since they claimed the UEFA Cup in 1961.

For their part, United will forever look back in anguish on the 20th minute when striker Ralph Milne lashed the ball wildly over the bar with only Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi to beat.

Instead of being three goals in front, the Scots found their advantage whittled down to one just three minutes later when Pruzzo headed home from close range from a corner by Italian World Cup star Bruno Conti.

Five minutes from the interval Pruzzo struck again when he controlled a lob from di Bartolomei in the United area, swivelled round a defender and struck a sweet left-footer past the helpless McAlpine.

Pruzzo came desperately close to completing his hat-trick shortly after the interval when he was only centimetres off target during a goalmouth melee but gained ample compensation minutes later by winning the all-important penalty.

Liverpool will find themselves in the unaccustomed role of underdogs in the final, but it will not have gone unnoticed by the Romans that the English Champions have won all four away games in this season's competition.

Having already accounted for Denmark's Odense, Spain's Athletic Bilbao and Benfica of Por-

tugal on foreign soil, Liverpool did not appear unduly concerned by the driving rain or the hostile 80,000 crowd in Bucharest.

Liverpool captain Graeme Souness, who was booed every time he touched the ball following claims that he broke Lica Mavila's jaw in the torrid first leg at Anfield, set up the all-important opener following a corner from little Sammy Lee.

Dinamo failed to clear Lee's cross and Souness pounced on the loose ball to steer a precise chip to the feet of Rush who sped past a Romanian defender before curling a delightful shot past goalkeeper Dimitru Mararu.

The Romanians, now chasing a three-goal victory target, pulled one back in the 40th minute when they gained a free-kick on the edge of the box and striker Costel Orac curled a wicked shot around the Liverpool defensive wall and past the despairing arms of goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

But Dinamo were rarely seen as a threat again and it was Rush, who will now be aiming to come out on top in his shoot-out with Pruzzo, who did the damage once more.

Lee found midfield colleague Ronnie Whelan out on the left with a long crossfield pass and when the Irishman's cross was missed by defender Alexandru Nicolae, Rush calmly slotted the ball past Moraru.

Now the scene is set for a classic showdown in Rome next month, pitting Pruzzo against Rush, and Brazilian duo Paulo Roberto Falcão and Toninho Cerezo against Scotland's Souness and Kenny Dalglish in midfield.

It is no disrespect to either Dinamo or Dundee United, but a Roma-Liverpool final has all the ingredients to whet the appetite of all football purists.

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet news agency TASS said Wednesday that a communique issued after a meeting of Olympic officials in Switzerland Tuesday acknowledged that all Soviet demands for going to the Los Angeles Games were legitimate.

Soviet Olympic officials had called for the meeting with Los Angeles Games President Peter Ueberroth and International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch after accusing the United States of violating the Olympic Charter and whipping up an anti-Soviet campaign.

The joint communique issued after the Lausanne meeting Tuesday's "acknowledges the leg-

itimacy of all demands set forth in the Soviet NOC (National Olympic Committee) statement," TASS said in a report from the Swiss city.

Soviet Olympic chief Marat Gramov told reporters after the meeting that his country would participate in the summer games as long as the United States obeyed Olympic rules.

TASS said problems still to be resolved centred on fears for athletes' safety and that these worries should be handled at government level.

Gramov said Tuesday the Soviet Union had received a number of threats and letters from terrorists and anti-Soviet groups.

TASS said officials at the meeting asked the Los Angeles organisers to ensure "creation of optimal conditions for games participants in all respects, specifically regarding their safety and observance of their dignity."

TASS said several "principled issues" had been overcome, mentioning simplified entry to the United States for Soviet athletes and access for journalists and others to all Olympic sites.

Ueberroth said the Los Angeles committee had agreed to drop a requirement that National Olympic Committees should send lists of participants through U.S. missions. Moscow could now send its list direct to Los Angeles, he said.

Mexico unveils World Cup mascot

MEXICO CITY (R) — The first goal in the 1986 World Cup was scored Tuesday night by a team of young Mexican graphic designers whose winning design for the event's mascot features a green chili pepper wearing a Sombrero.

The team, known as Medios Profesionales de Comunicacion (MPC), came first out of more than 11,000 entrants. Their design, known as Pique (pronounced peek-ay), was unveiled here Tuesday by International Football Federation (FIFA) officials.

The name is related to the word piquant, but Mexicans use it as a synonym for the will to win. In soccer terms it means a lightning breakaway.

The 1986 logo, a football linking the world's two hemispheres over the words "Mexico 86", was designed by a Texas-based Mexican.

Britain's IAC supports Budd

LONDON (R) — South African-born runner Zola Budd won fresh support Wednesday for her controversial bid for international stardom as a British citizen.

Britain's International Athletics Club (IAC) called on all British athletes, especially blacks, to welcome the 17-year-old white prodigy and give her the support she needed.

"She has an unchallengeable right to British citizenship and it is our good fortune and privilege that she chose to take it up," IAC spokesman Derek Johnson said in a statement.

Budd, whose father has a British passport, came to Britain last month to get round the international sports boycott of South Africa. The government awarded her citizenship in only 10 days, angering left-wingers and anti-apartheid campaigners.

Johnson said every appearance she made as a Briton would be a rebuke to South Africa's apartheid policies.

"Had she stayed in South Africa and broken world record after

world record, she would surely have been a potent weapon of public sympathy and exploitation in the hands of that country's rulers," he said.

The IAC support came hours before Budd, fastest woman in the world over 5,000 metres, was due to make her second appearance in Britain at London's Crystal Palace sports complex.

Her participation was put in doubt when the left-controlled Greater London Council (GLC), which owns the complex, declared it would seek to ban her to express its opposition to apartheid.

But the GLC cannot legally prevent her competing and Tuesday night the sports council, which administers Crystal Palace, said Budd could run. She has entered an invitation 1,500 metres.

The sports council said in a statement it was opposed to any form of apartheid in sport and did not allow South African teams to use its facilities. But as a British citizen, Budd was entitled to run.

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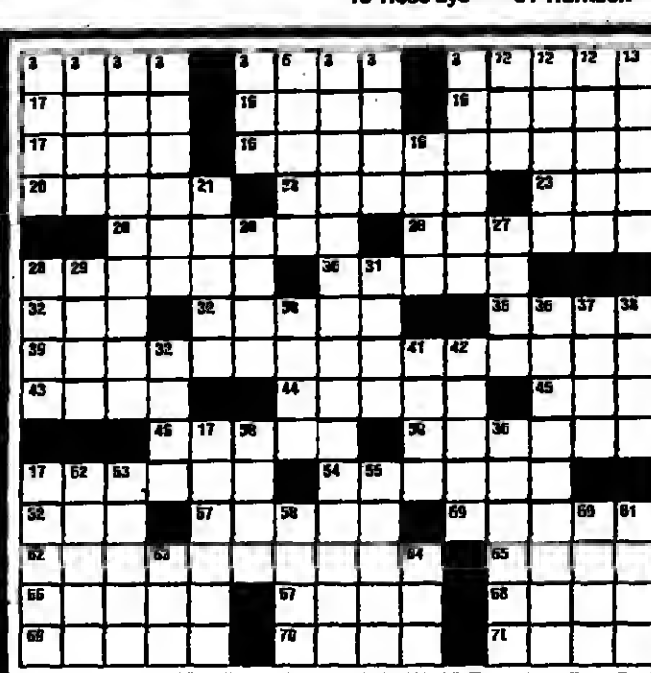
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Turkey's current account deficit soars

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's current account deficit was \$2.12 billion in 1983, up from \$1.15 billion in 1982 and the highest for seven years, according to the central bank's annual report just published.

The bank, quoting provisional figures, blamed the 84.3 per cent deterioration on a sharp fall last year in foreign workers' remittances as well as lower than expected exports.

It was the worst figure since 1977 when the current account deficit stood at \$3.38 billion.

Overall balance of payments showed a deficit of \$1.56 billion in 1983, compared with a \$9 million surplus in 1982, and was also the worst since 1977.

Exports, originally targeted at more than \$6 billion, reached \$5.7 billion last year, while foreign workers' remittances fell to \$1.55 billion from \$2.18 billion in 1982, according to the report.

The latter fall was mainly due to a sharp rise in the dollar and other currencies against the Turkish lira and high unemployment among

Turkish workers abroad, the report said.

Medium and long-term borrowings were not sufficient to cover the current account deficit, requiring short-term loans of \$810 million and net credits of \$193 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the report said.

This year's revised targets are for a current account deficit of \$1 billion and an overall balance of payments surplus of \$715 million. Borrowing is projected at around 3 billion after \$2.8 billion this year.

Turkey's foreign debt — excluding outstanding IMF dues of \$1.6 billion — rose to \$16.77 billion in 1983 from \$16.18 billion in 1982.

Medium and long-term borrowings were down to \$13.88 billion from \$14.09 billion in 1982 while short-term debts rose to \$2.88 billion from \$2.09 billion.

Debt repayments totalled \$2.53 billion last year, up from \$2.31 billion the previous year. This divided in 1983 into repayments of

interest of \$1.44 billion and repayments of principle of \$1.09 billion, after \$1.46 billion and \$852 million respectively in 1982.

Foreign debt repayment targets for 1984, the first year in which some of more than \$3 billion worth of rescheduled Turkish debts fall due again, are \$1.3 billion in interest and \$1.3 billion in principle.

The report said Turkey's foreign exchange reserves were \$2.25 billion at the end of 1983, up 13 per cent from the 1982 figure of \$1.98 billion.

The central bank held \$1.4 billion and the commercial banks \$848 million, it said.

These figures are likely to alter sharply this year, as the government late last year freed foreign exchange restrictions on commercial banks.

A \$250 million one-year standby credit from the IMF came into effect earlier this year, replacing a previous similar agreement before it expired, after monetary targets set last year by the IMF were exceeded.

REFCO expands network

By Samir Sh Ghawi
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Real Estate Financial Corporation (REFCO) continued to consolidate its activities in the Amman area, but 1983 also marked the first year of an expansion drive as REFCO extended its investments and services to Sweileh, Zarqa, Madaba and Irbid.

In 1983 nearly 50 dunums of land (in Um Al Sunmag, Tla'Al Ali, Irbid and Zarqa) were purchased and work have started on 266 housing units. A total of 860 units costing JD 14.3 million were either completed or under construction at the end of December 1983.

REFCO engaged 16 contractors (employing about 500 engineers, skilled and ordinary labourers) as JD 2.9 million contracts were signed with them in 1983. Total value of contracts signed on all projects so far amounted to JD 7.3 million. They were backed by JD 755,000 bank guarantees.

On the corporation's financial situation auditors Dajani and Aladdin qualified the Dec. 31, 1983 statement saying the corporation did not allocate the necessary provision for income tax, on profits earned from selling real estate, which had been bought prior to the 1982 income tax law No. 34.

The auditors said the corporation defended its decision on grounds of a legal interpretation of Article 3 para 8 of the income tax law. Dajani and Aladdin noted that should the tax be payable on 1982 and 1983 real estate sales, the corporation will have to remit JD 250,000 and JD 200,000 respectively from the net profit before allocations. These amounts, the auditor pointed out, were appearing under retained earnings which showed JD 960,266 total as of Dec. 31, 1983.

REFCO's total assets/liabilities stood at JD 10.1 million at the end of last year, up 28 per cent from JD 7.9 million posted in 1982. Total equity, including retained earnings which amounted to JD 1.5 million compared to 1982 figure of JD 1.1 million.

REFCO attracted 12,000 depositors in 1983. On an average balance of JD 200 for each account, REFCO's 33,000 clients boosted the corporation's deposits by JD 2 million to JD 6.4 million. JD 974,108 in 1983 (JD 633,295 in 1982) was

outstanding under a JD 1.5 million "sale contracts" rediscunt facility offered by the Housing Bank against — land mortgage.

Cash deposits and advance payments related to purchases of housing units dropped by more than 30 per cent from JD 556,794 to JD 230,973.

Other liabilities, noting that REFCO's capital is JD 200,000, dropped from JD 694,451 in 1982 to JD 511,472 in 1983. This item included accounts payable, accruals, deposit certificates, provision for terminating employees services and (but most importantly) government real estate fees.

Current and deferred income tax (other than previously mentioned) totalled JD 114,189 and JD 340, 158 respectively compared to JD 84,874 and JD 369,473 respectively in 1982.

As for the assets, cash at hand and at banks rose by JD 43,477 to JD 765,889. Investments at cost in five public sector debentures totalled JD 0.5 million (JD 219,520 in 1982) while investments, also at cost, more than doubled in five other public shareholding companies to JD 214,513 of which JD 179,887 were in REFCO Life Insurance Co.

Meanwhile, housing units loans went up from JD 3.2 million in 1982 to JD 4.4 million in 1983. Real estate projects registered the following:

— Advances to contractors plunged to JD 0.7 million from JD 1.6 million advanced in 1982.

— Investments in housing projects increased from JD 0.8 million to JD 1.2 million.

Land awaiting development and appearing at cost value of JD 1.3 million was double the 1982 figure.

Fixed assets (other than mentioned) and other assets (unidentified) were JD 332,784 (JD 251,618 in 1982) and JD 684,185 (JD 435,421 in 1982) respectively.

The profit and loss statement showed JD 1.7 million (JD 1.4 million in 1982) in earnings and JD 1.3 million (JD 815,428 in 1982) in expenditures.

The JD 404,771 profit in 1983 was down 23 per cent on 1982 profits but the corporation will distribute JD 50,000 among the shareholders, a 25 per cent of the capital as allocated in 1982.

REFCO, which was established in 1965 operates 14 branches in Jordan (10 in Amman area) and a branch in Kuwait. REFCO's housing projects are in Jabal Al Akhdar (560 units), Swellia (174 units), Jabal Al Zuhour (83 units) and Zarqa (42 units). The corporation delivered housing units to 203 families in 1983 and lately announced lower downpayment to needy applicants.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed higher in quiet trading helped by Tuesday's firm close on Wall Street, dealers said. At 1500 Wednesday the F.T. 30 index rose 11.4 to 887.6.

Blue Circle rose 9p to 425 and ICI added 6p to 606 both ahead of results Thursday while Vickers ended 5p up at 164 ahead of Thursday's annual meeting. Beecham was up 9p to 325 and Hawker 10p to 460 still responding to recent results.

Government bonds ended about ½ point higher in low turnover responding to a firmer overnight performance in U.S. credit markets. Gold shares were quietly mixed and North Americans mostly higher.

Distillers rose 4p to 290. Market sources said GEC, which firmed 2p to 180, may have bought about 10 million shares in the company for investment purposes.

Banks were firm after annual reports from Midland up 10p at 389 and Barclays up 3p at 477 while Natwest rose 5p to 644. Among insurances, Commercial Union was 9p up at 219 ahead of dealings in the company's traded option Thursday. Royal at 578 and Legal and General at 463 were 10p each higher.

Tuesday's figures from Exxon boosted the oil sector. Shell rose 15p to 653 and Lasso 10p to 338 after 341, while B.P. at 513 and Burmah at 190 both rose 5p.

Exxon raises profits by 42%

NEW YORK (R) — Exxon Corporation, the world's largest oil company, Tuesday reported a rise in profits of nearly 40 per cent in the first three months of 1984.

Exxon, America's largest corporation, said it earned 1,475 billion in the first quarter of this year, compared with \$1,060 billion in the corresponding period of 1983.

Revenues for the latest period were up over five per cent to \$24,906 billion from \$23,705 billion in the first quarter of 1983.

Chairman C.C. Garvin, Jr. said the improved profits resulted from the general improvement in the economy and colder weather, which helped oil sales in the United States.

China buys U.S. wheat

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. government announced a large wheat sale to China Tuesday as President Reagan headed for Peking on his first visit.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said private grain exporting companies reported the sale of 120,000 tonnes of wheat to China for shipment in the 12 months starting in June.

Officials refused to speculate on the motives behind the Chinese buying, but grain trade sources said the timing probably reflected political considerations tied to Mr. Reagan's visit as well as recent declines in U.S. wheat prices.

The latest transaction means China has bought nearly 2.7 million tonnes of American grain, out of the six million tonnes required, for shipment in 1984, under a long-term grain deal between the two countries.

Japan to announce easing trade curbs

TOKYO (R) — Japan is expected to announce a broad easing of trade curbs on Friday in response to growing international pressure for access to its lucrative domestic markets, official sources said Wednesday.

Tariff cuts on some 1,200 industrial, agricultural and mineral items are to be made ahead of agreed schedules, the sources said. Changes were promised in some of the regulations which now impede penetration of foreign goods.

Also promised in the government package was liberalisation of Japan's financial and capital markets to facilitate entry of foreign operators and to bring the yen out into the open as an international currency.

The moves follow growing unrest in the United States and Western Europe over Japan's seemingly unstopable trade surplus. This year the figure is expected to reach \$34 billion.

Political sources said Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has been prodding reluctant fellow

ministers into approving the liberalisation package with warnings that Japan's mighty export trade might otherwise suffer from retaliatory protective measures.

The tariff cuts, originally set to begin between 1986 and 1988, were brought forward to April 1, 1985, the sources said.

The package included some of the 158 items on which the United States had specifically requested cuts.

One was farm machinery, whose six per cent tariff would be reduced to zero.

Of the other cuts, 128 had been requested by the European Community and 52 by the Association of South East Asia Nations (ASEAN).

The government also promised to liberalise tobacco imports, which last year accounted for only 1.8 per cent of Japanese cigarette consumption.

Another move was to simplify inspection procedures for imported cars and to accept foreign

inspection data on items such as medicine, agricultural chemicals and electrical appliances.

In previous discussions on inspection of medicines, Japanese negotiators had argued that separate standards were necessary because Japanese people reacted differently from foreigners to certain kinds of drugs.

A strong impetus to introducing the measures was a widely expressed anxiety that Japan's trade policies might be dragged as a whipping boy into the U.S. presidential election campaign.

Mr. Nakasone is also keen to show progress on liberalisation when he attends the London summit of industrialised democracies in June.

Foreign diplomats and businessmen were cautious about forecasting the effects of the measures.

Most said they wanted to study them in detail to gauge whether the package would make any overall impact.

Paris rejects more aid plea from Creusot-Loire

PARIS (R) — The French government Wednesday rejected a plea from the heavily-indebted Creusot-Loire company for additional aid estimated at two to three billion francs (\$240 million to \$360 million), official sources said.

The refusal came hours before a crucial board meeting of the nuclear, heavy materials and metals firm and amid speculation that it might soon ask for court protection from its creditors.

The government and banks stepped in with a six-billion-franc (\$730 million) rescue package last November and a communique from the industry ministry said Wednesday the government "expects Creusot-Loire and its shareholders to take the necessary measures to respect" that plan.

The communique did not specifically refuse the Creusot-Loire plea for further funds, but official sources outside the industry ministry said the request had been rejected.

The November package, which preserved 30,000 jobs, was finalised only after Creusot-Loire had threatened to file for bankruptcy and its parent group, Empain Schneider, had won approval for a big cut in its contribution to the deal.

One official, referring to Schneider and Creusot-Loire, said Wednesday: "They are private companies. It is up to them to take their responsibilities."

In its communique, the ministry said state-owned groups had taken over most of Creusot-Loire's loss-making steel operations before the end of 1983, and added that financial aid under the November plan had been provided on schedule.

Creusot-Loire asked for urgent government aid last spring after a 1982 group loss of 625 million francs (\$75 million).

It said it needed urgent aid to offset heavy losses in its steel sector since 1980.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Caroli Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An unusually good day and evening for you to instinctively fit in with the best of circumstances and conditions about you. Put your best foot forward with everyone and reap benefits.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Find the right way to get your plans working out advantageously. Know what it is that the one you love expects of you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you apply yourself seriously, you can gain personal aims very quickly and easily. Be sure you pay your own way for amusements.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Know how to gain greater prestige in the outside world; then follow through with ideas. Spend the evening at home.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You have fine new ambitions and should get them in operation as soon as possible. Your intuition is working famously.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure to state your aims with those with whom you deal in practical matters. The evening can very warm with your mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure you understand your partners' ideas and motivations for better relations between you. Be wise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put that plan to work that can help you to become more efficient at your duties. Listen to the ideas of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day to contact good friends and plan the recreations that appeal most to you. Be very happy tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Begin to plan for the weekend so that all will go more smoothly for you. Invite fascinating persons into your home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Let your mood be light in dealing with your partners today and get better results. Drive wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Fine day to delve into practical matters and hit on the right plan for gaining more prosperity.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be more concerned with personal matters, and do your best to gain your fondest aims. Show that you are fond of good friends.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... be or she will be one who will understand the potentials of any important matters that may come up and will know how to utilize such to great advantage. One who will have a fine artistic sense and be able to handle business details well.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day of mixed blessings. Until Noon, you will find it imperative that you handle conditions which have not entirely run their course. Steer clear of the conventional.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Early go after your finest ambitions and gain them. Complete that matter with a good friend. Make new contacts in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be sure to keep promises made to friends in the morning. Let the evening be a happy one with the one you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Spend the morning handling vocational work well. Have more consideration for your family in the evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Carry on with talks with that fascinating new contact in the morning. Complete studies on some new, interesting course.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Early get your bills paid and make collections that are possible. Then get into activities that appeal to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) More talks with partners are needed before you can get agreements working out right. Be charming with the one you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Use neat touch and fine finish on work you are doing. Get together with dynamic partners for good results. Use your finest talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Show more devotion for your mate, and then get right into the tasks ahead of you. Plan entertainment wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Have tasks connected with kin early in the day. Join friends' fun to relieve tensions you are under.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Clear your desk of all that paper work in the morning, and later you can entertain others who can be helpful to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care of important business matters; then you can run off to pleasures that please you very much.

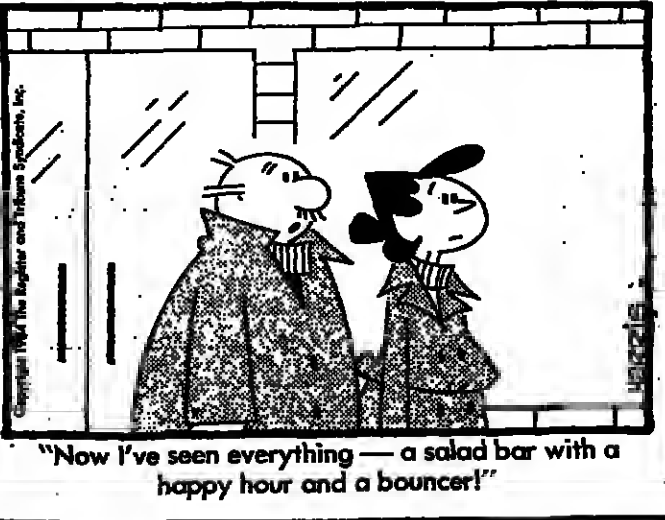
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Early handle that intimate affair, then do whatever will improve any property you may have. Visit friends.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... be or she will be one who will be highly introverted and shy, so treat kindly and teach to come out of his, or her shell early in life, and express the self. Some musical training is wise here.

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THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

YUMOS
MEERY
CHUNQE
LAMMAM



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
ANSWER: A (Answers tomorrow)
Saturday's Jumbles: FEWER QUAKE BUNION WHOLLY
Answer: This is terrible—but a letter would make it legal—AWFUL ("LAWFUL")

Peanuts

THIS IS MY REPORT ON CHALKBOARDS WHICH USED TO BE CALLED BLACKBOARDS WHICH USED TO BE BLACK BUT NOW ARE GREEN...

BLACKBOARDS WERE MADE OF CARDBOARD OR SLATE...

IN A WAY, I SUPPOSE, GREEN CHALKBOARDS ARE MORE PRACTICAL...

NOW WHEN YOU STAND IN FRONT OF THE CLASS AND YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER AND YOU FEEL SICK, YOUR FACE MATCHES THE CHALKBOARD!

Mutt 'n' Jeff

FOR DO YOU KNOW THAT THE LIGHT FROM THE STAR ARCTURUS TAKES FORTY-ONE YEARS TO REACH THE EARTH?

YEH AND SCIENCE EXPLAINS THAT THE SUN IS SLOWLY BURNING OUT AND SO ARE MANY OF THE STARS!

PHIT!

I WISH SCIENCE WOULD EXPLAIN WHY LIGHT BULBS BURN OUT THESE DAYS AND DON'T LAST AS LONG AS THEY USED TO!

Andy Capp

DON'T TELL ME I'VE HAD ENOUGH, YOUNG LADY!

I'VE BEEN CARRIED AWAY WITH MY OWN IMPORTANCE

BAR

THE TROUBLE IS, NOT FAR ENOUGH

Sikh extremists shoot Hindu priest in Punjab

NEW DELHI (R) — Sikh extremists have shot and wounded two Hindus, including a holy man, in the violence-racked northwestern state of Punjab, police said Wednesday.

A police spokesman told Reuters three extremists fired at Sant (saint) Ram Singh while he was holding a religious service in Punjab's Sangrur district late Tuesday night.

One of the assailants was caught by the Sant's followers and handed over in the police but the other two escaped on a motorcycle, the spokesman added.

Police also said a gunman wounded a Hindu rickshaw puller in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar Tuesday night. They gave no details.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency quoted Harchand Singh Longowal, leader of the

main Sikh Akali Dal Party, as calling for an inquiry into a clash between paramilitary forces and armed men in which eight people died last Monday in the border town of Ferozpur.

He said his followers would take "suitable steps" if the government did not agree in their demand but did not elaborate.

The police spokesman denied an earlier report that paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force member was killed and two others were wounded Tuesday night in an ambush in Ferozpur. "It is baseless," he said.

PTI said a Sikh priest in a village

45 kilometres south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar was also shot dead Tuesday night. But police said they had no evidence the murder was linked to communal unrest in the rich farming state.

A passenger train narrowly escaped derailment Tuesday when railway workers found a bomb had destroyed a stretch of track near Ferozpur just before the train was due to pass, PTI said. Normal services were later resumed.

Three service rifles were snatched at gunpoint in two different incidents from a policeman and a village defence guard Tuesday night, PTI said.

A farmers' branch of the Akali Dal called on Punjab farmers not to bring wheat and other foodgrains to market from May 1-7 in protest against what it called unfair government foodgrain prices. PTI added.

India, Bangladesh re-inforce border troops

NEW DELHI (R) — India and Bangladesh have re-inforced troops guarding their common border after two people were injured in exchange of fire, an Indian Border Security Force (BSF) spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman told Reuters locally-deployed units had moved forward to the scene of Tuesday's shooting between the Bangladesh rifles and India's paramilitary BSF. The firing lasted several hours Tuesday.

He said intermittent shooting in which machine guns were used stopped Tuesday night, shortly after a BSF officer was hit in the leg.

There were unconfirmed reports that one of the workers employed in putting up a barbed wire fence along India's Assam state border with Bangladesh was also injured.

"Reports suggest a reserve battalion from Dhaka has moved into the area in addition to companies in the border sector," the BSF spokesman said.

India has 1,000 paramilitary border troops already in the area and these had been strengthened by a further 500 men from Assam state after the firing began, he added.

In Dhaka, a Foreign Office spokesman accused the BSF of firing first at Bangladesh troops trying to snip an Indian party from putting up the fence.

He said Bangladeshi forces returned the fire in self-defence but did not give any details of casualties.

Nicaraguan leader rules out peace talks

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua's Interior Minister Tomas Borge has rejected negotiations with U.S.-backed insurgents and branded as "criminal" a call for peace talks by the country's Roman Catholic bishops.

"We will never negotiate with the Contras," Mr. Borge said in an interview with Reuters. "Never," "Contra," short for counter-revolutionary, is the term used here for right-wing rebels armed and financed by the United States through the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Last month, the rebels launched what both sides in the war describe as their biggest military offensive to date, invading from bases in Honduras in the north and Costa Rica in the south. According to both sides, more than 8,000 rebels are fighting inside Nicaragua.

In a pastoral letter read in most of Nicaragua's churches over Easter, Nicaragua's nine Roman Catholic bishops suggested a dialogue for peace involving all Nicaraguans, including those "who

have risen in arms against the government."

"This is a criminal suggestion," Mr. Borge said. "The pastoral letter seeks confrontation (with the government) and violates the law of the land."

The rebel forces include senior former members of ousted dictator Anastasio Somoza's ousted National Guard, the only Nicaraguan organisation which was formally declared illegal after Mr. Somoza's removal in a broad-based popular revolution spearheaded by the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN).

Mr. Borge, the only surviving founder-member of the FSLN, said the bishops' pastoral letter was "more radical in its anti-Nicaraguan tone... than even statements by Kirkpatrick."

Jean Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, is seen here as a leading proponent of military force to overthrow the nine Sandinista commanders who effectively run the country.

Australian, Singapore ministers hold talks

SINGAPORE (R) — Australian Defence Minister Gordon Scholes Wednesday met Singapore Defence Minister Goh Chok Tong amid some concern here over Australia's decision not to maintain a permanent air presence in the area.

Mr. Scholes told reporters before arriving here from Kuala Lumpur Tuesday night that Australia would pull its Mirage squadron out of Malaysia by 1988, but would send its more advanced FA-18 Hornet fighters for a minimum of 16 weeks a year on a rotating basis.

This appears to fall short of Singapore's expectations for a permanent Australian air presence in the area. Mr. Scholes discussed the issue with Mr. Goh and would also brief Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew later Wednesday afternoon, Australian diplomatic sources told Reuters.

Mr. Lee has made clear that Australia cannot hope to play an effective security role in the region unless it "continues its presence on the ground."

Meanwhile a report Wednesday in the influential financial daily, the Business Times, spoke of con-

cern among Australia's allies, including Malaysia and Singapore, over what it described as the declining state of Australian military preparedness.

Quoting Australian defence experts and military officials, the report said the Australian Armed Forces had been reduced to such a level that they would be unable to meet any potential threat.

In the fifties and sixties, Australia adopted what was called a forward defence posture, a key factor of which was to counter any threat to the countries of South East Asia and prevent any ultimate threat to these (Australian) shores.

"An air force presence in Malaysia as a result of the five-power defence arrangement (involving Australia, Singapore, Britain, New Zealand and Malaysia) is now virtually all that remains of the forward defence posture," the Business Times said.

"The declining state of preparedness in Australia's three services has worried defence chiefs deeply. Its vulnerability would also concern Australia's close allies, including Singapore and Malaysia," it said.

40 die in Dominican Republic riots

SANTO DOMINGO (R) — President Salvador Jorge Blanes of the Dominican Republic held an emergency meeting with armed forces chiefs Tuesday night as the death toll in riots throughout the country rose to more than 40.

A National Palace spokesman said the armed forces would issue a communique after the meeting but declined to give further details.

The riots, sparked two days ago by food price rises, spread throughout the Caribbean nation Tuesday with demonstrators looting

shops and setting fire to buildings, according to witnesses.

Police reported that 17 people died in clashes between rioters and security forces in the provincial cities of Santiago, San Francisco de Macoris, La Vega and Bay.

A spokesman said the death toll through the country in the two days of disturbances had risen to more than 40. At least 300 people were arrested.

In the capital, 12 people died Tuesday and more than 20 buildings, including a bank, were set on fire by rampaging crowds.

They said security forces trying to stop looting and the stoning of government buildings had been hampered by barricades of burning tyres.

Left-wing opposition parties threatened to call a general strike if the government did not immediately revoke the food price rises of up to 50 per cent.

Official sources said security forces responded Tuesday by arresting several labour leaders, including Julio de Pena Valdez, secretary general of the powerful Central Labour Federation.

Malaysia's seventh king completes 5-year term

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia's seventh constitutional monarch, Tuanku Ahmad Shah, Wednesday completed his five-year term as the nation's king and returned to his eastern home state of Pahang to reign as its sultan.

The monarch, who left the federal capital by air for his home state, was given a colourful farewell, a 21-gun salute and seen off at the airport by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad, senior government leaders and diplomats.

During the final year of 53-year-old King Ahmad Shah's reign, a bitter five-month constitutional row broke out between the government and hereditary sultans of nine of Malaysia's 13 states.

The sultans, who elect a king from among themselves once every five years, had opposed a constitutional amendment passed by parliament last August curbing their powers and rendering the king's assent for all legislation

superfluous. In deference to the wishes of his brother rulers, King Ahmad Shah declined to give royal assent to the amendment bill and all other bills passed by parliament until the government agreed to back-down on its stand. The machinery of government almost ground to a halt as a result.

After lengthy negotiations, the government finally broke the deadlock in January by revamping the controversial bill in such a way that left the powers of the nine sultans intact, but removed the necessity of the king giving his assent to legislation.

The constitutional row also led to a split within the ranks of Malaysia's largest Malay political party, United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the dominant partner in the country's multi-racial coalition government.

King Ahmad Shah, a sports-loving monarch and man of the people, will be succeeded by Sultan Mahmood Iskandar, 51.

200 Brazilian students occupy parliament building

BRASILIA (R) — About 200 students occupied the Brazilian Parliament building for four hours Tuesday night during a series of noisy demonstrations in support of an opposition move for direct voting in presidential elections.

The demonstrations — in three cities — came on the eve of a key parliamentary debate Wednesday on an opposition amendment seeking to change the constitution to allow direct voting for President Joao Figueiredo's successor.

In the capital, which along with 10 neighbouring towns has been placed under emergency security

measures, military police sealed off parliament and police vehicles blocked access roads as opposition supporters in cars tried to encircle parliament.

About 200 students inside the building refused to leave for four hours until they were guaranteed safe passage through the police cordon by the Justice Ministry.

The students had cheered opposition leader Ulysses Guimarães when he said during a debate that the emergency measures imposed by President Joao Figueiredo last week had profaned and mutilated parliament.

Astronauts say preparation needed to save satellites

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (AP) — Five U.S. astronauts who rescued a crippled satellite during a space shuttle flight earlier this month said Tuesday that other derelict satellites can be salvaged, but only after careful preparation.

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Robert Crippen, commander of the first-ever rescue mission on the shuttle Challenger, said the shuttle is a good craft to use in a rendezvous with a crippled satellite. But he cautioned that crews of future rescue missions "should know what you're going to do well ahead of time."

Commander Crippen appeared at a news conference Tuesday with his crewmates Dick Scobee, Terry Harrison, James Van Hatten and George Nelson. On their space mission, the five were able to retrieve, repair and relaunch the \$77 mil-

lion Solar Max satellite, despite the failure of their initial plan — to stabilise the satellite using an astronaut jet pack.

Van Hatten, who with Nelson walked in space to make the repairs, said there might not be enough time to prepare for a launch later this year if a proposed rescue mission.

"Going about a mission with very little time to prepare is not the ideal way to do it," Van Hatten said. He said it took two years to prepare the repair plan and Nelson used, and it took a full year to practice it.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is studying the possibility of salvaging two communications satellites that failed to achieve their planned orbits earlier this year.

Nakasone to seek closer ties with India, Pakistan

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone visits Pakistan and India next week for talks that will concentrate on economic co-operation and regional conflicts, Foreign Ministry sources said.

The week-long trip starting next Monday is the first to the subcontinent by a Japanese prime minister in 23 years. Mr. Nakasone as a junior parliamentarian accompanied then Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi in the region in 1957.

Mr. Nakasone took office in November 1982, and the coming tour is the latest in a series of visits he has made to Asian countries. It comes before the London summit of industrial democracies in June where Mr. Nakasone, the only Asian representative, could make Asian thinking felt.

Stressing the geopolitical importance of the visits, the sources said "Pakistan is a gateway to the Middle East and a leading member of the Organisation of Islamic Countries. India is now chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement while taking a policy of economic liberalisation."

Talks between Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who made an official visit to Japan last July, and Mr. Nakasone will

cover international and regional issues including Afghanistan and further development of bilateral relations in political, economic and cultural fields, Pakistani officials said.

They expect Mr. Nakasone to renew support for Pakistani efforts seeking a withdrawal of the estimated 105,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Mr. Nakasone is expected to inspect a refugee camp near Peshawar and hold talks with refugee leaders, the Japanese Foreign Ministry sources said.

In New Delhi, talks between Mr. Nakasone and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will largely involve bilateral economic co-operation, officials in New Delhi said.

Mrs. Gandhi made an official visit to Japan in 1969 and an unofficial one on her way home from the United States in 1982.

Japan this week belatedly pledged to India a loan for fiscal 1983, which ended last March 31, totalling 34.73 billion yen (\$154 million) against 33 billion yen (\$146 million) for fiscal 1982.

Mr. Nakasone is expected to make a broad pledge to make "maximum efforts" in fixing yen loans to India and Pakistan for fiscal 1984, the sources said.

COLUMNS 7&8

God can be called 'mother' says church

LONDON (R) — God is not a male deity and can be addressed as "our mother," according to a report by the Church of Scotland. The report followed criticism that the Christian Church was not taking a sufficiently serious attitude towards women who felt alienated and distanced by an exclusively male description of God. In reference to considerable controversy sparked by the use of "God our mother" and "dear mother God" in a prayer by the Church's Women's Guild in 1982, it said there were biblical grounds for regarding God as having feminine aspects. The study, published Tuesday, also condemned the Roman Catholic cult of the Virgin Mary, suggesting that it arose as a psychological compensation for the exclusive male image of God.

Starving pandas raid homes

PEKING (AP) — China's giant pandas, starving because of a bamboo shortage, are devouring plum leaves, pine needles and animal bones, and ransacking peasants' homes to scrounge for food, the government reported Tuesday. In a dispatch from Sichuan Province, the Official News Agency Xinhua said the crisis has worsened in Boaxing country's Fengtongbai Nature Reserve, where five pandas have died and five have been saved since rescue operations began in September. The total reported death toll nationwide is 12, including seven pandas found dead in the wild and five that died during emergency treatment. China has about 1,000 pandas roaming the backcountry of southwest China. The creatures thrive on the arrow bamboo, which began to wither and die last year because of a flowering cycle that occurs every 50-80 years. In previous bamboo shortages, the pandas moved to where the plant still grew, but because of man's encroachment and deforestation, the natural habitat has shrunk. In Fengtongbai, more than 95 per cent of the arrow bamboo has died, Xinhua said, and observations on panda droppings "showed that they are eating leaves from plum trees, fir tree needles, other wild plants and even animal bones. Pandas would rarely eat these in normal circumstances."

U.S. Navy may buy Mig-21s

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Navy has been offered Soviet and Israeli fighter planes to play an enemy role in air combat training, aerospace sources said Tuesday. Officials at LTV Aerospace and Defence Co. of Dallas said they offered the Navy up to 24 MIG-21 fighters, modified to meet the Navy's standards for "adversary" aircraft. The officials would not say where they would obtain the planes, but Aerospace sources said it could be India, where firms have licences to build the Soviet-designed fighter. The navy wants to buy 24 new fighters to augment older U.S. planes now being used in aerial dogfights for pilot training. Navy officials said \$31.9 million has been approved for the first four planes, and decision on which fighter to buy is to be made by this autumn.

Dogs maul child to death

AUSTIN, Texas (R) — Two dogs mauled to death a six-year-old boy who had climbed a fence to retrieve a ball, police reported Tuesday. The body of Jacob Hoffer was found by his parents in a neighbour's backyard where the dogs were kept. A ball was found nearby. Under local laws the dogs, a Saint Bernard and a Bull Terrier, cannot be destroyed as they were in a fenced yard.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
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ONE ACE TOO MANY

DEAR READERS: We have had many requests over the years for these hands that we consider to be our favorites. That makes quite a list. For the time being, therefore, we are devoting the Sunday column to a series of famous hands. At the end of the series, we will go back to our weekly question and answer column. Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 64
♥ Q19
♦ A1043
♣ QJ53

WEST EAST
♠ KJ10 ♠ A3
♥ 764 ♥ 3
♦ Q876 ♦ KJ952
♣ A98 ♣ 107642

SOUTH
♠ Q98752
♥ AK10852
♦ Void
♣ K

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Ace of ♠.

Over the years, we have read thousands of bridge magazines. Not only have we enjoyed them, but they have proved a fertile source of hands for this column. This hand, reported many years ago in the Indian Bridge World, ranks high among our favorites. Sitting East was Shri D.V. Gore. He was playing for Bombay in a match in Calcutta.

We were not given an explanation of North's strange

two no trump response — to our eyes, one no trump would have adequately described his soft 10 points. Not that that would have made any difference to the final contract — South would still have bid four hearts at his second turn.

West got off to the only lead to give his side a chance — the ace of clubs. Even so, it is not easy to stop how the defenders managed to beat four hearts.

West continued his good work by shifting to a trump at trick two in an effort to eliminate dummy's ruffing power. The table's nine of hearts won the trick and declarer ran the six of spades to West's ten. Continuing his attempt to keep declarer from ruffing a spade, West persisted with a trump.

East's moment of immortality had arrived. After considerable thought, he jettisoned his ace of spades! Declarer had no counter. When he led another spade from the board, West was able to win and remove dummy's last trump. As a result, declarer ended up losing three spade tricks and a club for down one.

Observe that declarer would have had an easy path if East hangs on to his ace of spades. East will have to win the second spade lead and he cannot return a trump, nor does he have any way to get to his partner for another trump lead. Declarer will win any return, ruff a spade in dummy to set up the suit and claim his contract.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

PAIRINGS
By John H. Bates

ACROSS

- 1 Driving on
- 2 Redneck speed
- 10 Like green
- 11 Latest airport
- 19 Take 2
- 20 Puffed adobe
- 21 Lake trout
- 22 Unfailing
- 23 Center and
- 24 Eastern school
- 27 Football
- 28 Where martial
- 29 Bank employee
- 31 Does grammar
- 32 Like some

DOWN

- 1 Baseball
- 2 "The way of"
- 3 In the
- 4 U.S. common
- 5 Novelist
- 6 Destructive
- 7 Polished
- 8 Baritone
- 9 Caudill
- 10 Through into
- 11 Shell money
- 12 Auspicious
- 13 Complete for
- 14 Like a wild
- 15 Refuge

DIAGRAMS

17 x 19, by James Barrick

- 1 Jotted
- 2 Large snake
- 3 Express a
- 4 Ballad
- 5 Sneeze
- 6 Sneeze
- 7 Sneeze
- 8 Sneeze
- 9 Sneeze
- 10 Sneeze
- 11 Sneeze
- 12 Sneeze
- 13 Sneeze
- 14 Sneeze
- 15 Sneeze

DOWN

- 1 Cautious that
- 2 Pass
- 3 Pass
- 4 Stage
- 5 Due
- 6 Dunes
- 7 Made slippy
- 8 Cupped
- 9 Closely
- 10 Close and

ACROSS

- 19 Starred
- 20 Better than
- 21 Sudden fear
- 22 Wharves
- 23 Make confident
- 24 Incites
- 25 Place
- 26 On the way
- 27 On the way
- 28 On the way
- 29 On the way
- 30 On the way
- 31 On the way
- 32 On the way
- 33 On the way
- 34 On the way

DOWN

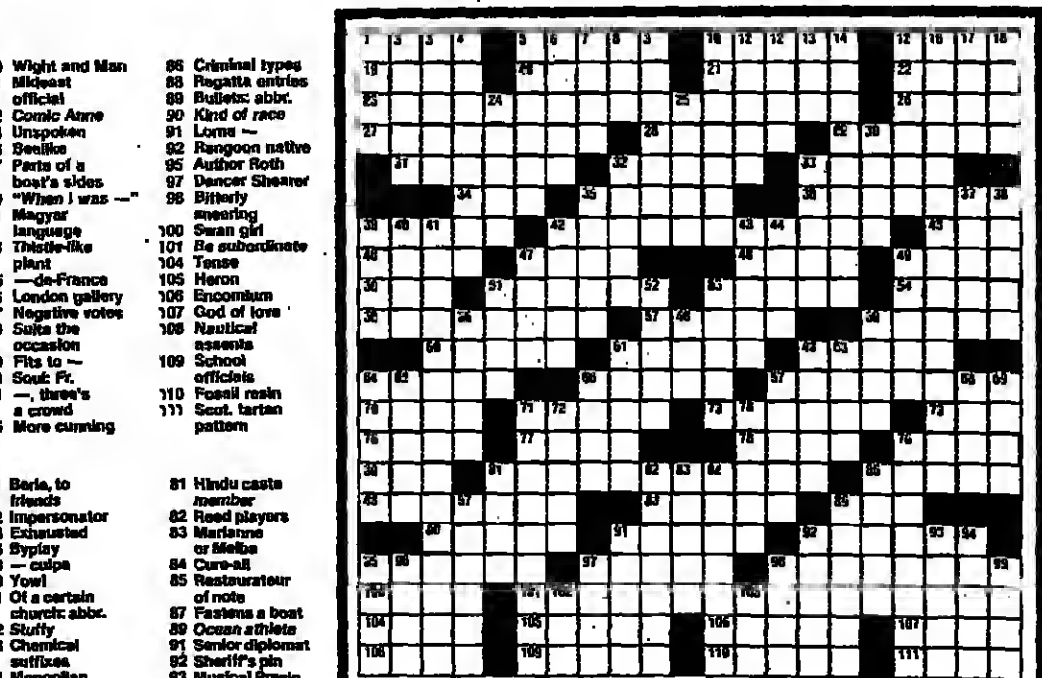
- 12 Two
- 13 Reeling places
- 14 Like none
- 15 Monitor
- 16 Outdoors
- 17 Snake
- 18 Falk or Ponds
- 19 Part of
- 20 MTT: abbr.
- 21 Bait palm
- 22 Serious
- 23 Lake by the
- 24 West

ACROSS

- 35 Prow of
- 36 Fume
- 37 Express
- 38 Entrance
- 39 Worldwide
- 40 Do damage to
- 41 Flat surface
- 42 Caught
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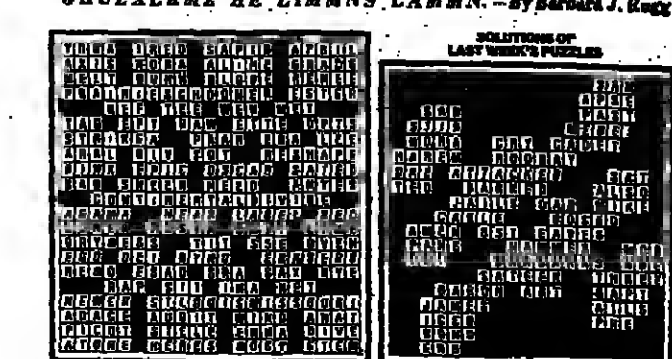


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. When hockey player declared for far higher salary, and won, he called it "great contract sport."
2. Tough guy plays heavy role of anti-feminist person in pre-feminist movie.
3. Casual conversation conversant convert to enter to cut's cause.
4. Editing item on time and tide got editor a safe tired.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. DA TALKTCNTSO COLETCWODITDA, 20 BDR
D NODI WORDANTY WOAYSDAN QZR
ZEQCYDNZHO SOHEZCTNG. —By Marilee E. Adams
2. FANNFLNA EDWE SLIDE WORWYLFAR "TMA
NLFA EUAAR SLOWLY ENWUUR MAIA" —By Lois H. Jones
3. NAK HNJD NKNH ZJON HNJ DBCT EDJEBTS
ZIS ISZA HBCI OJTJZN HT DEZZDN ECED. —By Carl Ireland
4. RAM OVIT HE RAWR OXLAENL LVUWZS EIGHT
GRULXRMZ HE LIMNNS LAMNN. —By Barbara J. Rugg



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